

INCIDENT REPORT FORM

Animal Welfare and Control

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Department of Agriculture
181 Lottery Road
P.O. Box 459 KY1-1106
Cayman Islands

Date Reported: Friday, 16 February 2018 **Time:** [Click here to enter time](#)

Location of Incident: [Click here to enter location.](#)

Offence: Choose an item. **State other:** [Click here to enter text.](#)

Complainant:

Address: [Click here to enter address.](#)

Contact Numbers:

DOB: [Click here to enter a date.](#)

Accused:

Address:

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Advised ☒ **Warned** ☐ **Intended Prosecution** ☐ **Arrested** ☐

REPORT

Good morning

Having visited the premises, I can confirm that there are in fact 30 dogs as reported. On my investigation there was no odor or fly breeding nuisance being created, as it would appear that Mrs. Nugent does periodic washing of the concrete floor where the dogs are house, as well as cleaning and disposal of the dog feces.

Breaches which were identified however are a lack of garbage receptacle and noise nuisance.

The following recommendations were made;

1. Provide at least two (2) thirty two (32) gallon garbage bins.
2. Reduce the number of dogs on the property
3. Relocate on dog which was at the front of the property to another area with paved flooring to allow for easy cleaning and washing.

has agreed to begin the process of reducing the number of dogs and has promised to have at least 10 removed with the next month, as well as to have the other recommendations implemented immediately.

I will continue to make periodic visits to the property to monitor and ensure compliance is achieved.

I have also advised the agriculture department to assist with any intervention they may deem necessary.

Kind regards.



Environmental Health Officer II (District Sanitation)

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ACTION TAKEN

Photographs taken ☐ Animal Collected ☐ No one home ☐ Contact Information left ☐

Improvement Notice Served: Welfare ☐ Roaming ☐

The SAH&WO visited on Friday February 16, 2018 at 5:15pm.

The dogs were observed, the location inspected and the owner of the property were questioned about the number of dogs present at the location and she repeated confirmed what wrote in his report that 10 of the animals will be removed next month.

At the time of the visit the animals were been kept based on the Five Freedom of Animal Welfare.

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Date Reported: Thursday, 02 August 2018**Time:** 12:00PM**Location of Incident** _____**Offence:** Other**State other:** _____**Complainant:** _____**Address:** _____**Contact Numbers:** _____[Click here to enter numbers.](#)**DOB:** [Click here to enter a date.](#)**Accuse:** _____**Address:** _____**Contact Numbers:** [Click here to enter number.](#)**DOB:** [Click here to enter a date.](#)**Advised** ☐ **Warned** ☐ **Intended Prosecution** ☐ **Arrested** ☐**REPORT**

_____ came into the Department to log a report regarding _____ housing over 60 dogs plus new born puppies inside of the house, he mention that the dogs urine & messes all over in the house & the smell is unbelievable. It's really impossible for his mother to clean dog mess & urine for so many dogs.

_____ says that when the dogs do get into fights _____ is unable to part them _____ would like to inform the AWO that _____ has a mental issue & it's really hard For the family to live like this before they start getting sick _____ would like to leave _____ name anonymous but needs the Department to act a.s.a.p.

ACTION TAKENPhotographs taken ☒ Animal Collected ☒ No one home ☐ Contact Information left ☐Improvement Notice Served: _____ Welfare ☐ Roaming ☐[Click here to enter text.](#)

On Thursday at 5:30pm AWO made contact with the complainant to gather additional details to the report.

It was said by the complainant that _____ is aware officers have attended the residence on numerous occasion in the past and found dogs to be outside in the cage but never seen the dogs which were being housed in the residence.

It is stated that the immediate problem is that the complainant _____ is housing animals in the residence which is posing an immediate health situation for persons residing in the said residence. AWO advised complainant that this will have to be a joint agency approach to this situation and gave email details to forwards pictures which he showed the DoA receptionist on making the compliant to be able to better understand this situation.

On Friday August 3rd, 2018 emailed sent to RCIPS and DEH personnel for input and assistance with this report.

On 13 August still no response from personnel.

The 14 August 2018 complainant attended the DoA office and stated they attended the DEH department and reported the matter the DEH sent them to DOA.

The complainant showed AWO the photographs all dogs looks to be in good health there is a few picture with feces on ground in room.

Complainant advised DOA Office. wants all dogs removed The AWO advised the comp. that the law doesn't operate like that only if the animals are neglected they will be removed and the law doesn't specify how many animals a person can own.

DOA will follow up with other agencies.

At 9:25 am on Wednesday, 5th September 2018, Department of Agriculture (DOA) and Department of Environmental Health (DEH) Officers conducted a multi-agency approach to a complaint received from a concerned community member regarding nuisance of smell and excessive barking dogs at a home on [redacted]. Upon arrival, the smell from the residence was emitting to the roadway. Contact was made with the owner, [redacted], who had to walk around faeces and urine to exit the residence.

The DOA requested to conduct a welfare inspection of the animals; the owner consented but the Animal Welfare and Environmental Health Officers were unable to gain access to the residence due to a very large number of dogs outside and inside the residence displaying aggressive behaviour.

The photos below provide a snapshot of the situation as observed in situ.



A perimeter inspection was conducted, which exposed the residents were disposing of waste water and solids from the animals to a vacant lot next door which did not belong to the suspect. It should be noted that this constitutes a breach of the Public Health Law.

The Officers conducted visual observations and had a general conversation with the owner who requested time to export the animals to Honduras. The Officers explained to the owner that various animals were observed with minor injuries which required an expert opinion and examination the owner was informed that once this is done a report will be provided and based on the findings may or may not be prosecuted for an offense under the Animals Law. The owner later admitted to the fact that the majority of the animals had not been spayed or neutered and were reproducing rapidly as a result. was aware that the situation had grown beyond control, but hadn't known who to reach out to. Ultimately, the owner volunteered to surrender 51 of the 55 dogs.

Upon internal inspection of the home, Officers noted that the walls were dirty and the floors were covered in faeces and urine. The smell of ammonia was overwhelming.

While most of the dogs appeared to be well-fed, they were unkempt. A bedroom in the home was used to house a group of the dogs. After their removal, the dogs were transferred to the Department of Agriculture's Animal Rescue Shelter, where they were triaged by DOA veterinarians assisted by other staff members. All 51 dogs were identified according to their estimated breed, age, sex, and colour. The dogs range in age from eight (8) weeks to mature adults. Nineteen (19) of the dogs were humanely euthanised based on prohibited breed status, display of aggressive behaviour, or for medical reasons.

The DOA has reached out to all animal rescue/charity groups for assistance in an effort to have as many of the dogs as possible fostered or adopted into loving homes.

The Animal Welfare and Control services unit will continue to visit and educate the owner/or occupants to provide them with the necessary guidance in order to prevent a similar situation from occurring in the future.

The close family member was advised to seek professional mental evaluation for the owner condition.

Investigation Closed